

REMARKS

Restriction was required for groups I, II, III, IV and V, as set forth in paragraph 1 of the Office Action. Applicant elects group IV, claims 16-23.

Election of species was required in paragraph 4 of the Office Action among Figures 2, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 8, 9 and 10. Applicant notes that Figure 3 illustrates a side wall that may be employed in a trailer as shown in Figure 2, while Figure 5 is a cross-section of a floor, bottom rail, top rail and side wall (such as in Figure 3) for use in a trailer as shown in Figure 2. Figures 6A, 6B and 6D illustrate a vertical post construction that may be employed within the side walls (such as in Figures 3 and 5) of a trailer as shown in Figure 2. Applicant elects the species of Figures 2, 3, 5, 6A, 6B and 6D. Claims 16-23 read on the construction shown in these Figures.

Each of claims 16 and 21 is generic to claim 24. Accordingly, upon allowance of either of these claims, Applicant respectfully requests issuance of claim 24 along with the elected claims.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable action, therefore, is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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